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PRISONERS OF WAR (BRITISH AND AMERICAN), 1778.

Among a collection of Revolutionary papers—a very small part of the correspondence of Colonel Samuel Blachley Webb, of the Connecticut line—I found two lists of officers, prisoners of war, one prepared at the request of the commissary-general of prisoners in the Royal army. Colonel Webb, after serving at Bunker Hill in Colonel Chester's regiment, became an aide to Major-General Putnam, and later entered the military family of Washington. He was an aide to the Commander-in-chief for six months, and received an appointment to command one of the "additional regiments" authorized in 1777. For a year he was occupied in raising his regiment, and in active service in the Highlands under Putnam, George Clinton, and Parsons; but had the misfortune to be taken prisoner while making a descent upon the British outposts at Setauket, on Long Island. He at once sought to secure his exchange, but unfortunately political questions prevented its consummation. The British general would not enter into a formal cartel, of binding force, as such an act would compromise the claims of Great Britain over the rebellious colonies. He was willing to make an exchange as a personal act, but was forbidden by his instructions from pledging the faith of the King or of Parliament to such a measure. Partial exchanges were discountenanced by the commanders of both armies, and so there was nothing for the Colonel to do but keep alive the question of a cartel, until some agreement could be reached, and a regular course of exchanges entered into.

In this his connections greatly assisted him. His brother,

Joseph Webb, was the Connecticut commissary of prisoners, and passed freely to and from the island. He had thus established relations with many British prisoners in Connecticut, who remembered his courteous indulgence on their release on parole, and returned it by kindness to Samuel B. Webb. Samuel lived with Miles Sherbrooke, of no little repute in the city, and he appears to have had many privileges not accorded to other prisoners,—such as hunting in the country,—obtained by his connections with the British officers. It is noteworthy, too, that he made the comfort of his fellow-prisoners his care, and was easily the most prominent among them. Through him did the British make known their orders and regulations for controlling the prisoners; and through him did the prisoners seek for new privileges, or for redress of insult or injury. He drafted their petitions, and pleaded their cause before the Continental Congress. Hence much of his correspondence relates to the subject of prisoners of war, and these tables were prepared to govern the exchanges, as the following letters prove.¹

From Major Beatty to Colonel Webb.

PRINCETON July 30th 1778.

MY DEAR COLONEL:

I have but a Moment to write you, as an Exchange of a Number of the Fort Washington Officers will in a few days take place. I must request you to furnish me with a return of the whole of the officers on the Island—beginning with those oldest in Captivity—ascertaining their Rank & the time of their Captivity—I am obliged to take this Step—both to do Justice to the Prisoners—& to prevent any reflections upon my Character—the utmost Impartiality is meant to take place & if I err in any respect, it must be attributed to the gentlemen there, who do not do Justice to themselves. I have no list to proceed upon, except an Inaccurate one from New York—I must beg the gentlemen will rectify this Matter—& if any dispute arises, with those of the same rank & who were taken at the same time, it is Gen^l Washington's Opinion, that they either draw Lots, or it shall be determined by Precedency of Rank. What-

¹ There are in press three volumes of the "Correspondence and Journals of Samuel Blachley Webb," published under the direction of his grandson, William Seward Webb, of New York. These tables will not appear in them.

ever return they make me, it shall regulate all future Exchanges—I must request a report from you as speedily as possible.

I enclose you two of our latest Papers—it contains as much as I am at Liberty to write. Peruse it & lend it to your Neighbours. Remember me very affectionately to the good Family you live in. My Comp^s to M^r Clarkson's & M^r Van horne's Family—tell them I saw their Friends very lately—Particularly *Matt* [Clarkson?]*—*who are all well—Tell *Tommy* at the Dominy's, to keep up his Spirits—another Twelve month will put him on the List for an Exchange. I dare say, he Enjoys the Sweets of Confinement as fully as any of you—I flatter myself some times with seeing you—but fear I shall not be able to accomplish it.

I am w^h Comp^s to all the gentlemen

D^r Sir, your most Obed^t Hum. Serv^t

JN^o BEATTY.

George Tudor begs to write his name & to say he expected to hear from Col^o Webb & Col. Antle [Antill] before this in answer to two letters wrote to them some time past. Adieu & believe him sincerely yours.

To Major Beatty.

FLAT BUSH ON LONG ISLAND,
August 15th 1778.

DEAR SIR:

We have met and made out a return of the officers and other Prisoners upon this Island, we have taken up the mode settled in our army with regard to their respective ranks, as the General rule of our conduct in the arrangement, we have signed and sent you, by which means you will be possessed of the situation we are in here and enabled the better to do justice and give satisfaction to all parties. If you should be acquainted with any circumstances relative to the prisoners that have not come to our knowledge you will make such alterations (*in the roster of exchange*) as you shall think proper. We have put down the third Lieutenants by themselves tho' we suppose they will rank as Ensigns and be exchanged accordingly. We are further to inform you that we have taken no notice of those in the Provost Guard nor the Marine or Sea officers

We remain with Respect you Hbb^l Serv^{ts}

JAMES IRWINE B. Gen^l P. S.

S. B. WEBB, Col^o Amerⁿ Army

ED^d ANTILL L. Col^o D^o

JN^o BRUYNE L^t Col^o D^o

JOHN SMOCK L^t Col^o Jersey Mili.

ANDREW GILBRITH Maj^r Penⁿ Flying Camp

EDWARD TILLARD Maj^r Conn^t Army

TARLTON WOODSON Maj^r Conn^t A^{ry}

LEVIN JOYNES Maj^r 9th Virgⁿ Reg^t

SAM LOGAN Maj^r Conn^t Army

RETURN OF THE OFFICERS ON PAROLE IN THE DISTRICT OF
NEW EUTRECHT, THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1778.

WILLIAM ALLISON, Colonel N. Y. militia. Commissioned, 15 September, 1775. Taken at Fort Clinton, 6 October, 1777.

ANDREW GAILBRAITH, Major in Col. Watts' Pennsylvania regiment (Flying Camp). Commissioned, 18 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

EDWARD TILLARD, Major in Col. Williams' Maryland regiment. Commissioned, 10 April, 1777. Taken on Staten Island, 22 August, 1777.

SAMUEL LOGAN, Major in Col. Dubois' New York regiment. Commissioned, 21 November, 1776. Taken at Fort Montgomery, 6 October, 1777.

JOHN SMOCK, Lieut.-Col. in New Jersey militia. Commissioned, 27 March, 1778. Taken in Monmouth County, 27 May, 1778.

STEPHEN FLEMING, Captain in third regiment, New Jersey militia. Commissioned, 12 February, 1778. Taken in Monmouth County, 27 January, 1777 (*sic*).

ELIJAH SMITH, Captain in the fourth Connecticut regiment. Commissioned, 2 December, 1776. Taken at Norwalk, 15 March, 1777.

JOHN MERCER, First Lieutenant in the first New Jersey regiment. Commissioned, 14 November, 1775. Taken near Bound Brook, 7 March, 1777.

EPHRAIM FENNO, of Massachusetts, Capt.-Lieut. in Col. Lamb's artillery. Commissioned, 1 January, 1777. Taken at Fort Montgomery, 6 October, 1777.

JACOB COVENHOVEN, Captain of Light Horse in 1st New Jersey militia. Commissioned, 18 May, 1778. Taken in Monmouth County, 27 May, 1778.

THOMAS LITTLE, Second Lieutenant in 3d New Jersey militia. Commissioned, 13 February, 1778. Taken in Monmouth County, 27 January, 1777 (*sic*).

THEOPHILUS LITTLE, First Lieutenant in 3d New Jersey militia. Commissioned, 26 September, 1777. Taken in Monmouth County, 27 May, 1778.

JOHN GALE, First Lieutenant in Col. Price's Maryland regiment. Commissioned, 10 April, 1777. Taken on Staten Island, 22 August, 1777.

ROBERT CHESLEY, First Lieutenant in Col. Price's Maryland regiment. Commissioned, 10 April, 1777. Taken on Staten Island, 22 August, 1777.

WILLIAM ROBERSON, adjutant in Col. Matthew's Virginia regiment. Commissioned, 22 May, 1777. Taken at Germantown, 4 October, 1777.

TOBIAS PARHAMAS, Second Lieutenant in 1st New Jersey militia.

Commissioned, 30 May, 1777. Taken in Monmouth County, 13 February, 1777 (*sic*).

SOLOMON PENDLETON, First Lieutenant in Col. Dubois' New York regiment. Commissioned, 21 November, 1776. Taken at Fort Montgomery, 6 October, 1777.

ABRAHAM PARSONS, Second Lieutenant in the 2d New Jersey regiment. Commissioned, 17 September, 1777. Taken in Gloucester County, 5 March, 1778.

HENRY BRUSTER, First Lieutenant in Col. Allison's New York regiment. No commission. Taken at Fort Clinton, 6 October, 1777.

BENJAMIN HOLSTER, Second Lieutenant in Col. Allison's New York regiment. No commission. Taken at Fort Clinton, 6 October, 1777.

OLIVER GLEAN, A. D. Q. Master General, Col. Hugh's New York service. Commissioned, 1 September, 1777. Taken at Fort Montgomery, 6 October, 1777.

ROBERT BRADFORD, Ensign in the 4th Connecticut regiment. Commissioned, 2 December, 1776. Taken at Norwalk, 15 March, 1777.

JOHN MCCLAUGHRY, Ensign in Col. Dubois' New York regiment. Commissioned, 21 November, 1776. Taken at Fort Montgomery, 6 October, 1777.

THOMAS COVERLY, Ensign in Col. Matthew's Virginia regiment. Commissioned, 7 November, 1776. Taken at Germantown, 4 October, 1777.

A RETURN OF THE OFFICERS PRISONERS OF GRAVES END.

NATHANIEL CLEAVES, First Lieutenant in Col. Hutchison's Massachusetts regiment. Commissioned, 1 January, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

DAVID POORE, Second Lieutenant in Col. Hutchison's Massachusetts regiment. Commissioned, 1 January, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

GIBSON CLOUGH, Ensign in Col. Hutchison's Massachusetts regiment. Commissioned, 1 January, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

THOMAS H. LUCKETT, First Lieutenant in Col. Rawling's Maryland regiment. Commissioned, 11 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

SAMUEL FINLY, [of Virginia], First Lieutenant in Col. Rawling's regiment. Commissioned, 9 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

NATHL. PENDALTON, [of Virginia], First Lieutenant in Col. Rawling's Maryland regiment. Commissioned, 23 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

WILLIAM GEORGE, [of Virginia], First Lieutenant in Col. Rawling's

Maryland regiment. Commissioned, 17 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

THOMAS WARMAN, [of Virginia], Second Lieutenant in Col. Rawling's regiment. Commissioned, 17 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JAMES LINGAN, Second Lieutenant in Col. Rawling's regiment. Commissioned, 12 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

HENRY BIDINGER, [of Virginia], Third Lieutenant in Col. Rawling's regiment. Commissioned, 9 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

REZIN DAVIS, Third Lieutenant in Col. Rawling's regiment. Commissioned, 11 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

EDWARD SMITH, [of Virginia], Third Lieutenant in Col. Rawling's regiment. Commissioned, 17 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

CHRISTIAN ORNDORFF, Second Lieutenant in Col. Griffith's Maryland regiment, Flying Camp. Commissioned, 18 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

HENRY HARDMAN, Captain in Col. Griffith's Maryland regiment, Flying Camp. Commissioned, 19 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JOHN MCELHATTEN, Captain in Col. Watts' Pennsylvania regiment, Flying Camp. Commissioned, 18 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

THOMAS CAMPBELL, Captain in Col. Watts' Pennsylvania regiment, Flying Camp. Commissioned, 25 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

WILLIAM MCFARLANE, Captain in Col. Watts' Pennsylvania regiment, Flying Camp. Commissioned, 16 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JAMES MCFARLANE, Third Lieutenant in Col. Watts' Pennsylvania regiment, Flying Camp. Commissioned, 8 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

ANDREW ROBINSON, Second Lieutenant in Col. Swoope's Pennsylvania regiment, Flying Camp. Commissioned, 22 August, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JOHN VAUGHAN, Ensign in Col. Montgomery's Pennsylvania regiment, Flying Camp. Commissioned, 28 August, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

WILLIAM SCOTT, Captain in Col. Clottz's Pennsylvania Regiment, Flying Camp. Commissioned, 16 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

WILLIAM BEALL, 1st Lieut. in Col. Clottz's Pennsylvania regiment,

Flying Camp. Commissioned, 6 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JOSHUA BRAINARD, 2^d Lieut. in Col. Cook's Connecticut regiment State Troops. Commissioned, 2 December, 1776. Taken at Norwalk, 15 March, 1777.

EPHRAIM DOUGLASS, Quartermaster in Col. Brodhead's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 9 August, 1776. Taken at Bound Brook, 13 April, 1777.

WILLIAM FERGUSON, Lieut. in Col. Proctor's regiment of artillery, Pennsylvania. Commissioned, 5 October, 1776. Taken at Bound Brook, 13 April, 1777.

DAVID PARSONS, Captain in Col. Charles Webb's Connecticut regiment. Commissioned, 1 January, 1777. Taken near King's Bridge, 1 July, 1777.

JOHN CARLYLE, Captain in Col. Hazen's regiment. Commissioned, 3 November, 1776. Taken on Staten Island, 22 August, 1777.

RICHARD GRACE, 1st Lieut. in Col. Price's Maryland regiment. Commissioned, 10 April, 1777. Taken on Staten Island, 22 August, 1777.

HENRY LYLES, 1st Lieutenant in Col. Guest's [Gist] Maryland regiment. Taken on Staten Island, 22 August, 1777.

RIGNAL HILLERY, Ensign in Col. Stone's Maryland regiment. Commissioned, 10 April, 1777. Taken on Staten Island, 22 August, 1777.

JOHN LAVASHE, Ensign in Col. Price's Maryland regiment. Commissioned, 17 April, 1777. Taken on Staten Island, 22 August, 1777.

THOMAS ARMSTRONG, 1st Lieut. in Col. Arvin's Pennsylvania militia. Commissioned, 6 May, 1777. Taken near the White Horse, 16 September, 1777.

CHARLES CROXELL, 1st Lieut. in Col. Hartley's Maryland regiment. Commissioned, 5 February, 1777. Taken at Valley Forge, 20 September, 1777.

LEVIN JOINS, Major in Col. Mathews' Virginia regiment. Commissioned, 10 February, 1776. Taken at German Town, 4 October, 1777.

SMITH SNEAD, Capt. in Col. Mathews' Virginia regiment. Commissioned, 31 August, 1776. Taken at German Town, 4 October, 1777.

ROBERT WOODSON, 1st Lieut. in Colonel Mathews' Virginia regiment. Commissioned, 31 August, 1776. Taken at Germantown, 4 October, 1777.

CHARLES STOCKLEY, Ensign in Col. Mathews' Virginia regiment. Commissioned, 22 July, 1776. Taken at German Town, 4 October, 1777.

JOHN SCABROUGH, Ensign in Col. Mathews' Virginia regiment. Commissioned, 10 February, 1777. Taken at German Town, 4 October, 1777.

RUBEN FIELDS, 2^d Lieut. in Col. Bowman's Virginia regiment. Commissioned, 10 May, 1777. Taken at German Town, 4 October, 1777.

JOHN CLARK, 2^d Lieut. in Col. Bowman's Virginia regiment. Taken at German Town, 4 October, 1777.

LUKE MARBURY, Col. Maryland militia. Commissioned, August, 1777. Taken at German Town, 4 October, 1777.

ABRAHAM LEGGETT, Ensign in Col. Duboyse's New York regiment. Commissioned, 21 November, 1776. Taken at Fort Montgomery, 6 October, 1777.

HENRY PAWLING, 1st Lieut. in Col. Duboyse's New York regiment. Commissioned, 21 November, 1776. Taken at Fort Montgomery, 6 October, 1777.

CORNELIUS SWARTWOUT, Capt.-Lieut. in Col. Lamb's New York artillery regiment. Commissioned, 1 January, 1777. Taken at Fort Montgomery, 6 October, 1777.

HENRY SWARTWOUT, Ensign in Col. Duboyse's New York regiment. Commissioned, 21 November, 1776. Taken at Fort Montgomery, 6 October, 1777.

EBENEZER WEST, Adjutant in Col. Ely's Connecticut regiment, State troops. Commissioned, 10 June, 1777. Taken in the Sound, 10 December, 1777.

JAMES ABBOT, Ensign in Col. Ely's Connecticut regiment, State troops. Commissioned, 10 June, 1777. Taken in the Sound, 10 December, 1777.

SANDS NILES, Ensign in Col. Ely's Connecticut regiment, State troops. Commissioned, 10 June, 1777. Taken in the Sound, 10 December, 1777.

WILLIAM DEMSY, Ensign in Col. Hannum's Pennsylvania militia regiment. Commissioned, — 1777. Taken at Gulph Mills, 11 December, 1777.

CHARLES CLARKE, 1st Lieut. in Col. Murray's Pennsylvania militia regiment. Commissioned, June, 1777. Taken at Gulph Mills, 11 December, 1777.

WILLIAM PRESTON, 2^d Lieut. in the artificers of artillery, Pennsylvania militia. Commissioned, 11 November, 1777. Taken near Bustle Town, 14 February, 1778.

GEORGE WRIGHT, Major in Colonel Dean's regiment. Commissioned. He was taken from his own house, when not on duty, 14 February, 1778.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE, citizen. Taken, 14 February, 1778.

¹ JOHN W. ANNIS, citizen. Taken, 17 April, 1778.

¹ WILLIAM NEWMAN, Captain in Col. Bell's regiment of Pennsylvania militia. Commissioned, February, 1778. Taken near the Crooked Billet, 24 February, 1778.

¹ ROBERT FOSTER, Ensign in the 15th Virginia regiment. Commissioned, 16 April, 1777. Taken at Baron Hill Church, 24 April, 1778.

¹ JOHN WILLIAMS, citizen of Pennsylvania. Taken at Abington, 7 December, 1777.

¹ These names were added subsequent to the completion of the list.

LIST OF OFFICERS, PRISONERS OF WAR, BILLETED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLAT BUSH ON LONG ISLAND, 12 AUGUST, 1778.

ROBERT HODGSON, Major in the Delaware militia. Taken at his house, 7 April —.

JAMES MCCLAGHERY, Lieut. Col. in the 2d regiment, New York militia, Col. J. Clinton. Commissioned, September, 1775. Taken at Fort Montgomery, 6 October, 1777.

JOHN RICHARDSON, 1st Lieut. in the 5th Pennsylvania regiment, Col. Magaw. Commissioned, 5 January, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

MATHEW KNOX, 1st Lieut. in the 3d Pennsylvania regiment, Col. Lamb. Cadwalader. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JOHN LAWRENCE, 1st Lieut. in the 5th Pennsylvania regiment, Col. R. Magaw. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

ROBERT WILKIN, 1st Lieut. in the 5th Pennsylvania regiment, Col. R. Magaw. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

DANIEL BROADHEAD, 1st Lieut. in the 3d Pennsylvania regiment, Col. Lamb. Cadwalader. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JOHN MORGAN, 1st Lieut. in the 5th Pennsylvania regiment, Col. R. Magaw. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JOHN PRIESTLEY, 1st Lieut. in the 5th Pennsylvania regiment, Col. R. Magaw. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

CHARLES PHILE, 1st Lieut. in the 5th Pennsylvania regiment, Col. R. Magaw. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JOHN HELM, 1st Lieut. in the 5th Pennsylvania regiment, Col. R. Magaw. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

WILLIAM TILTON, 1st Lieut. in the 3d Pennsylvania regiment, Col. L. Cadwalader. Commissioned, 23 March —. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JOHN DUQUID, 1st Lieut. in the 3d Pennsylvania regiment, Col. L. Cadwalader. Commissioned, 13 June —. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

WILLIAM CRAWFORD, 2^d Lieut. in the 5th Pennsylvania regiment, Col. R. Magaw. Commissioned, 5 January, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

THOMAS JENNY, 2^d Lieut. in the 5th Pennsylvania regiment, Col. R. Magaw. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JOHN FINLEY, 2^d Lieut. in the 5th Pennsylvania regiment, Col. R. Magaw. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

WILLIAM STANLEY, 2d Lieut. in the 5th Pennsylvania regiment, Col. R. Magaw. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JOHN RUDOLPH, 2^d Lieut. in the 5th Pennsylvania regiment, Col. R. Magaw. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

ANDREW DOVER, 2^d Lieut. in the 5th Pennsylvania regiment, Col. R. Magaw. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

MATHIAS WIDEMAN, 1st Lieut. in Col. S. John Atlee's [Atlee] State regiment of musketry. Commissioned, 6 April, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

ROBERT CALDWELL, 1st Lieut. in Col. Atlee's regiment. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

BERNARD WARD, 1st Lieut. in Col. Atlee's regiment. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JOHN DEAN, Captain in the 5th Maryland regiment, Col. William Richardson. Commissioned, 12 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

ROBERT PATTON, 1st Lieut. in the 1st Pennsylvania Regiment, Flying Camp, Col. Michael Swope. Commissioned, 24 August, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JOHN CRAIG, 2^d Lieut. in Col. William Baxter's Pennsylvania regiment, Flying Camp. Commissioned, 6 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

MATHEW BENNETT, 2^d Lieut. in Col. William Baxter's Pennsylvania regiment, Flying Camp. Commissioned, 19 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JOHN CARTER, Ensign in Col. William Baxter's Pennsylvania regiment, Flying Camp. Commissioned, 19 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

THOMAS TANNER, 1st Lieut. in Col. Phil. B. Bradley's regiment, Connecticut State troops. Commissioned, 10 June, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

BARNARD SMOCK, Captain in the 1st regiment New Jersey militia, Col. Nath^l Scudder. Taken at the Light House, 13 February, 1777.

JAMES HAMILTON, Captain in the 1st Pennsylvania regiment, Col. D. Chambers. Commissioned, 16 August, 1776. Taken near Brunswick, 24 March, 1777.

JOHN FLAHAVAN, Captain in the 1st New Jersey regiment, Col. Matt^s Ogden. Commissioned, 27 December, 1776. Taken near Amboy, 20 April, 1777.

JAMES HERRON, Captain in "Congress' Own," Col. Hazen. Commissioned, 3 November, 1776. Taken on Staten Island, 22 August, 1777.

HENRY GODWIN, Captain in the 5th New York regiment, Col. Lewis Debois. Taken at Fort Montgomery, 6 October, 1777.

JAMES HUMPHREY, Captain in the 1st regiment of New York militia, Col. James Clinton. Commissioned, 18 May, 1776. Taken at Fort Montgomery, 6 October, 1777.

LEW AUGUSTUS D'UTRICHT, Captain in Col. Armand's independent Pennsylvania regiment. Taken at Head of Elk, 1 September, 1777.

JAMES WHITLOCK, Lieut. in the 1st regiment, Pennsylvania militia, Col. Nath^l Scudder. Taken at the Light House, 13 February, 1777.

CHARLES TURNBULL, Capt.-Lieut. in the 3^d Pennsylvania artillery, Col. Thomas Proctor. Commissioned, 20 March, 1777. Taken at Bound Brook, 13 April, 1777.

JAMES ANDERSON, 2^d Lieut. in "Congress' Own," Col. Wm. Hazen. Taken on Staten Island, 22 August, 1777.

ALEXANDER MCARTHUR, 2^d Lieut. in the 5th New York regiment, Col. Lewis Dubois. Commissioned, 21 November, 1776. Taken at Fort Montgomery, 6 October, 1777.

JOHN FURMAN, 2^d Lieut. in the 5th New York regiment, Col. Lewis Dubois. Taken at Fort Montgomery, 6 October, 1777.

JOHN HARPER, Brigade Major, from Pennsylvania. Commissioned, 12 July, 1777. Taken near Brandywine, 16 September, 1777.

JOHN WIDEMAN, Ensign in the German Pennsylvania regiment, Col. Baron Aren [Arendt]. Commissioned, 20 August, 1776. Taken near Brandywine, 16 September, 1777.

JONATHAN BREWER, Capt.-Lieut. in the third Pennsylvania regiment of Artillery, Col. Thos. Proctor. Taken at Germantown, 4 October, 1777.

GEORGE BLEWER, 2^d Lieut. in the 4th Pennsylvania regiment, Col. Lambert Cadwalader. Commissioned, 3 January, 1777. Taken at Germantown, 4 October, 1777.

THOMAS MARTIN, 2^d Lieut. in the 9th Virginia regiment, Col. Geo. Matthews. Taken at Germantown, 4 October, 1777.

JOHN ROBINS, Ensign in the 9th Virginia regiment, Col. Geo. Matthews. Taken at Germantown, 4 October, 1777.

CASPER GUYER, sub-Lieutenant of Philadelphia. Commissioned, 2 March, 1777. Taken in Philadelphia, 28 September, 1777.

JOHN HUNTER, 1st Lieut. in the 1st regiment of New York militia, Col. James Clinton. Commissioned, 31 January, 1777. Taken at Fort [Mont]gomery, 6 October, 1777.

THOMAS PARKER, 1st Lieut. in the 9th Virginia regiment, Col. Geo. Matthews. Commissioned, 30 July, 1776. Taken at Germantown, 4 October, 1777.

JOSEPH COX, Ensign in the 6th Pennsylvania regiment, Col. Rob^t Magaw. Commissioned, 15 February, 1777. Taken at Newtown, 19 February, 1778.

BATEMAN LLOYD, 1st Lieut. in the 4th New Jersey regiment, Col. Eph^m Martin. Commissioned, 1 January, 1777. Taken in New Jersey 26 March, 1778.

THOMAS HENDRY, Surgeon in the New Jersey militia, Col. Joseph Ellis. Commissioned, 2 April, 1777. Taken in Gloucester County, 10 May, 1778.

JAMES LEDDEN, Wagon master in Pennsylvania service, Continental regiment. Taken at Bristol, 17 April, 1778.

FRANCIS GRICE, Lieut. in Col. Mifflin's regiment of Pennsylvania militia. Commissioned, 5 June, 1775. Taken near Germantown, 25 September, 1777.

SILAS SNOW, 1st Lieut. in Delaware militia. Taken, 4 May, 1778, at his own house, Kent County, by Refugees.

A RETURN OF THE OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN ARMY PRISONERS
ON PAROLE IN FLATLANDS, AUG. 1778.

WILLIAM MCKISSACK, Captain in Col. Baxter's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 8 August, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JACOB DRITT, Capt. in Col. Swope's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 23 August, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

CONROD SNIDER, Captain in Col. Watts' Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 7 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JOHN JAMISON, Captain in Col. Baxter's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 17 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

NATHANIEL PORTER, Captain in Col. Freelanhouse's [Frelinghuysen] New Jersey regiment. Commissioned, 7 March, 1777. Taken near Quibbletown, 22 June, 1777.

JOHN P. SHOTT, Captain in the Independent Corps. Commissioned 6 September, 1776. Taken at Short Hills, 26 June, 1777.

ROGER STAINER, Captain in the 2^d Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 1 January, 1777. Taken at Philadelphia, 26 September, 1777.

JOHN HAYS, Captain in the 9th Virginia regiment. Commissioned, 16 March, 1776. Taken at Germantown, 4 October, 1777.

ROBERT HIGANS, Captain in the 8th Virginia regiment. Commissioned, 9 March, 1777. Taken at Germantown, 4 October, 1777.

JAMES MOORE, Captain in Col. Hall's Delaware regiment. Commissioned, 2 December, 1776. Taken near Schuylkill, 20 January, 1778.

ROBERT SAMPLE, Captain in the 10th Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 4 December, 1776. Taken at Germantown, 7 March, 1778.

JOHN HOLLIDAY, 1st Lieut. in Col. Watts' Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 10 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

ZACHARIAH SHUGART, 1st Lieut. in Col. Swope's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 22 August, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

SAMUEL LINDSAY, 1st Lient. in Col. Montgomery's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 6 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

HEZEKIAH DAVIS, 1st Lieut. in Col. Montgomery's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 7 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JOSEPH MORRISON, 1st Lieut. in Col. McAllister's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 9 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

GABRIEL BLAKENEY, 1st Lieut. in Col. Watts' Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 11 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington 16 November, 1776.

J^NO ERWIN, 1st Lieut. in Col. Baxter's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 17 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

ROBERT BROWN, 1st Lieut. in Col. Baxter's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 18 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

ERASTUS WOLCOTT, 1st Lieut. in Col. Webb's Connecticut regiment. Commissioned, 1 May, 1777. Taken at Marrinuck [Mamaroneck], 1 July, 1777.

EBENEZER CARSON, 1st Lieut. in the 10th Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 18 April, 1777. Taken at the Head of Elk, 1 September, 1777.

JOHN RILEY, 1st Lieut. in Col. Webb's Connecticut regiment. Commissioned, 1 January, 1777. Taken in the Sound, 10 December, 1777.

RUFUS LINCOLN, 1st Lieut. in Col. Bradford's Massachusetts regiment. Commissioned, 6 November, 1776. Taken near Schuylkill, 28 December, 1777.

SAMUEL ELDRED, 1st Lieut. in Col. Bailey's Massachusetts Regiment. Commissioned, 1 January, 1777. Taken near Darby, 28 December, 1777.

PETER CONROD, 1st Lieut. in Col. Stroud's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 1 May, 1777. Taken at Frankfort, 10 January, 1778.

JOHN HUTCHIN, 1st Lieut. in the 2^d New Jersey regiment. Commissioned, 1 January, 1777. Taken at Cooper's Ferry, 4 April, 1778.

ASHER CARTER, 1st Lieut. in Col. McElvain's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 6 May, 1777. Taken at Bristol, 17 April, 1778.

GODFREY MYERS, 2^d Lieut. in Col. Baxter's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 9 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

THOMAS WYN, 2^d Lieut. in Col. Montgomery's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 27 August, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JOHN CRAWFORD, 2^d Lieut. in Col. Watts' Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 7 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

WILLIAM YOUNG, 2^d Lieut. in Col. McAllister's Pennsylvania regi-

ment. Commissioned, 18 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

EPHRAIM HUNTER, 2^d Lieut. in Col. Watts' Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 29 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

ANDREW LEE, 2^d Lieut. in "Congress's Own." Commissioned, 3 November, 1776. Taken on Staten Island, 22 August, 1777.

JAMES WINCHESTER, 2^d Lieut. in the 2^d Maryland regiment. Commissioned, 10 April, 1777. Taken on Staten Island, 22 August, 1777.

PHILLIP HILL, 2^d Lieut. in the 2^d Maryland regiment. Commissioned, 17 April, 1777. Taken on Staten Island, 22 August, 1777.

SEVERN TECKLE, 2^d Lieut. in the 9th Virginia regiment. Commissioned, 4 June, 1776. Taken at Germantown, 4 October, 1777.

EBENEZER MOTT, 2^d Lieut. in Col. Dubois's New York regiment. Commissioned, 21 November, 1776. Taken at Fort Montgomery, 6 October, 1777.

LIBBEUS DREW, 2^d Lieut. in Col. Shepherd's Massachusetts regiment. Commissioned, 1 January, 1777. Taken at Derby, 28 December, 1777.

ISAAC SHYMER, Ensign in Col. Baxter's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 9 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

JACOB MUMMEY, Ensign in Col. Baxter's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 9 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

EZEKIEL HOPKINS, Ensign in Col. Montgomery's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 27 August, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

WILLIAM RICHEY, Ensign in Col. Baxter's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 6 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

SAM^L McELHATTEN, Ensign in Col. Watts' Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 25 September, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

THOMAS ROUSE, Ensign in the 2^d Maryland regiment. Commissioned, 17 April, 1777. Taken on Staten Island, 22 August, 1777.

NATHAN^L DARBY, Ensign in the 9th Virginia regiment. Commissioned, 14 August, 1776. Taken at Germantown, 4 October, 1777.

JOHN GREEN, Ensign in Col. McElvain's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 6 May, 1777. Taken at Bristol, 17 April, 1778.

JOHN JOHNSTON, Adjutant in Col. Baxter's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 10 July, 1776. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

N^{CH} CARPENTER, Q^r Master of Col. Dubois's New York regiment. Commissioned, 21 November, 1776. Taken at Fort Montgomery, 6 October, 1777.

LAWRENCE MANNING, Serg^t Major in "Congress's Own." Taken on Staten Island, 22 August, 1777.

CHARLES WILSON, Volunteer in Col. McAllister's Pennsylvania regiment. Taken at Fort Washington, 16 November, 1776.

ROBT RANKIN, 1st Lieut. in Col. Taylor's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 6 May, 1777. Taken out of his house, 14 September, 1777.

CORNELIUS VANTASSEL, 2^d Lieut. in Col. Hammond's New York regiment. Commissioned, 1 June, 1776. Taken out of his house, 17 November, 1777.

BENJAMIN WALTON, 1st Lieut. in Col. McVaugh's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 12 May, 1777. Taken out of his house, 14 February, 1778.

JOHN BLAKE, 1st Lieut. in Col. McVaugh's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 12 May, 1777. Taken out of his house, 14 February, 1778.

JOHN OSBURN, 1st Lieut. in Col. Eyre's Pennsylvania regiment. Commissioned, 13 September, 1777. Taken out of his house, 14 February, 1778.

ANDREW BARNS, citizen of Pennsylvania. Taken out of his house, 27 February, 1778.

JOHN HOWSON, citizen of Pennsylvania. Taken out of his house, 1st April, 1778.

JOEL WESTCOTT, citizen, volunteer, of Pennsylvania. Taken out of his house, 25 April, 1778.

JAMES JONES, second. Citizen of Pennsylvania. Taken out of his house, 23 February, 1778.

JOHN KEMP, Lieut. on Sloop Sachem, Pennsylvania. Commissioned, 24 March, 1777. Taken at sea, 5 April, 1777.

WM COTTRELL, midshipman, of Virginia.¹

A RETURN OF OFFICERS PRISONERS AT NEW LOTS

11 AUGUST, 1778.

THOMAS HOBBY, Lieut. Col. of Bradley's regiment. Commissioned 10 June, 1776. Taken [at Fort Washington],² 16 November, 1776.

TARLTON WOODSON, Major in Hazen's regiment [Congress's Own]. Commissioned, 20 May, 1777. Taken [on Staten Island], 22 August, 1777.

¹ These last two names have been stricken out, presumably because marine prisoners were not included in the rules of a cartel for a general exchange.

² This list does not state the place of capture, and I have added it in brackets where identified.

PETER PARRET, Captain in Col. Knox's regiment. Commissioned 1 January, 1776. Taken [at Fort Washington], 16 November, 1776.

JOHN COUCH, Captain in Col. Bradley's regiment. Commissioned, 19 June, 1776. Taken [at Fort Washington], 16 November, 1776.

SAMUEL KEELER, 2^d Captain in Col. Bradley's regiment. Commissioned, 10 June, 1776 (tho: comisⁿ 20th of same month). Taken [at Fort Washington], 16 November, 1776.

LEMUEL HOLMES, Captain in Col. Knowlton's regiment. Commissioned, 1 September, 1776. Taken [at Fort Washington], 16 November, 1776.

SAMUEL GILBERT, Captain in Col. Prescott's regiment. Commissioned, 1 January, 1776. Taken, 7 December, 1776.

JOHN POULSON, Captain in 9th Virginia regiment. Commissioned, 17 July, 1776. Taken, 4 October, 1777.

WILLIAM CLEVELAND, 1st Lieutenant in Parsons's regiment. Commissioned, 10 December, 1776. Taken 15 September, 1776 (*sic*).

NATHANIEL EDWARDS, 1st Lieut. in Col. Bradley's regiment. Commissioned, 10 June, 1776. Taken [at Fort Washington], 16 November, 1776.

JESSE COOK, 1st Lieut. in Col. Bradley's regiment. Commissioned, 10 June, 1776. Taken [at Fort Washington], 16 November, 1776.

JOHN BLACKLEACH, 1st Lieut. in Col. Bradley's regiment. Commissioned, 10 June, 1776. Taken [at Fort Washington], 16 November, 1776.

JOSEPH BLAKE, 2^d Lieut. in Knox's artillery regiment. Commissioned, 1 January, 1776. Taken [at Fort Washington], 16 November, 1776.

JESSE GRANT, 2^d Lieut. in Col. Charles Webb's regiment. Commissioned, 1 January, 1776. Taken [at Fort Washington], 16 November, 1776.

JOSEPH MARTIN, 1st Lieut. in Col. Baxter's regiment. Commissioned, 9 July, 1776. Taken [at Fort Washington], 16 November, 1776.

ABNER EVERETT, 3^d Lieut. in Col. Baxter's regiment. Commissioned, 9 July, 1776. Taken [at Fort Washington], 16 November, 1776.

LIEUT. STRATTON, 1st Lieut. in Col. Serjeant's regiment. Commissioned, 1 January, 1776. Taken, 7 December, 1776.

JONTH HOLMES, 2^d Lieut. in Col. Martin's regiment. Commissioned, 23 November, 1776. Taken, near Trenton, 2 January, 1777.

THOMAS COOK, Lieut. in Ferman's militia. Commissioned, 12 October, 1775. Taken, at Light House, 13 February, 1777.

CHARLES SNEAD, 1st Lieut. in the 9th Virginia regiment. Commissioned, 5 January, 1777. Taken [at Germantown], 4 October, 1777.

JAMES MORRIS, 1st Lieut. in Col. Bradley's regiment. Commissioned, 1 January, 1777. Taken [at Germantown], 4 October, 1777.

THOMAS PAYNE, 2^d Lieut. in the 9th Virginia. Commissioned, 4 January, 1777. Taken [at Germantown], 4 October, 1777.

JOHN MASSIE, Lieut. in the 26th regiment of Maryland militia. Commissioned, 24 April, 1775. Taken [at Germantown], 4 October, 1777.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM, 1st Lieut. in Pennsylvania militia. Taken not far from Philadelphia, 16 September, 1777.

ABRAHAM STOUT, 1st Lieut. in the 2^d New Jersey regiment. Commissioned, 1 January, 1777. Taken at Cooper's Ferry, Jersey, 6 April, 1778.

HENRY MURFITS [Murfields], Lieut. in the Pennsylvania militia. Commissioned, 6 May, 1777. Taken at his own house, 19 February, 1778.

ROBERT WALKER, Lieut. in Col. Brewer's regiment. Commissioned, 6 November, 1776. Taken 15 miles from Philadelphia, 7 April, 1778.

JOHN HYAT, 2^d Lieut. in Col. Hall's regiment. Commissioned, 5 April, 1777. Taken at his own house while on furlow, 25 April, 1778.

SAMUEL WHITING, 2^d Lieut. in Col. Lamb's regiment. Taken, 10 December, 1777.

TIMOTHY TAYLOR, Ensign in Col. Bradley's regiment. Commissioned, 10 June, 1776. Taken [at Fort Washington], 16 November, 1776.

JOSEPH HULL, Ensign in Col. Bradley's regiment. Commissioned, 10 June, 1776. Taken [at Fort Washington], 16 November, 1776.

DANIEL KNOWLTON, Ensign in Col. Knowlton's regiment. Commissioned, 20 June, 1776. Taken [at Fort Washington], 16 November, 1776.

ELI BARNUM, Ensign in Col. Bradley's regiment. Commissioned, 1 July, 1776. Taken [at Fort Washington], 16 November, 1776.

THOMAS U. FOSDICK, Ensign in Col. Charles Webb's regiment. Commissioned, 10 July, 1776. Taken [at Fort Washington], 16 November, 1776.

JOHN THOMSON, Ensign in Morgan's militia. Commissioned, March, 1776. Taken near Princeton, 3 January, 1777.

JEREMIAH B. EELLS, Ensign in Col. Bradley's regiment. Commissioned, 10 June, 1776. Taken [at Norwalk], 15 March, 1777.

JOSEPH PAYNE, Ensign in the 9th Virginia regiment. Commissioned, 4 January, 1777. Taken, 4 October, 1777.

JONATHAN SMITH, Ensign in the 8th Virginia regiment. Commissioned, 16 March, 1777. Taken, 4 October, 1777.

JACOB SOMERS, Ensign in the Pennsylvania militia. Taken at his own house, 1 May, 1778.

PETER PAUL, Ensign. Commissioned, 31 July, 1776. Taken, 16 November, 1776.

BENJ^A STORRS, Q^r Mas^r of Col. Durkee's regiment. Commissioned, 7 September, ——. Taken, 22 November, 1776.

ISAAC CRANE, Adjutant of Field's militia. Taken, 16 March, 1777.

JOHN RAY, Q^r Mas^r of militia. Taken, 24 February, 1778.

THOMAS KENNEDY, Volunteir. Taken, 22 April, 1777.

WILLIAM MILLS, citizen. Taken from his own house. Never bore a commission.

SAMUEL MILLS, Q^r Mas^r Sheldon's troop of cavalry. Taken, 15 December, 1777.

THOMAS MILLARD, 2^d Lieut. in Phila. militia. Commissioned, 1 May, 1777. Taken, 14 February, 1778.

AARON CHEW, 2^d Lieut. in Jersey militia. Taken, 19 June, 1778.

JOHN COZENS, Captain in Jersey militia. Taken, 9 March, 1778, at his house, New Jersey. No commission. Should be No. 36 if exchanged as a Captain.

— GOODALL, Captain.

JOHN SWAN, Captain in Baylor's Dragoons. Taken, 28 Sept., —, Jamen Town.

WILLIAM MARTIN, Lieut. in Proctor's artillery regiment. Commissioned, 1 April, 1777. Taken in New Jersey, 15 March, 1778.

SAMUEL MCFARLAN, Lieut. of the Jersey militia. Taken in New Jersey, 28 March, 1778.

JOSEPH BRITTON, Lieut. in Gist's "additional" regiment. Commissioned, 6 February, 1777. Taken on Philips Heights, above King's Bridge, 16 September, 1778.

JAMES SIMS, Lieut. in the 1st Maryland regiment. Commissioned, 17 April, 1777. Taken on Philips Heights (was taken before Britton).

WILLIAM RODGERS, Lieut. in the 4th Virginia Continental. Commissioned, 28 September, 1776. Taken in English neighborhood, New Jersey, 23 September, 1778.

ROBERT RANDOLPH, Lieut. in Baylor's Dragoons. Taken in New Jersey, 28 September, 1778.

PEREGRINE FITZCHEW [Fitzhugh], Cornet in Baylor's Dragoons. Taken in New Jersey, 28 September, 1778.

THOMAS EVANS, surgeon's mate in Baylor's Dragoons. Taken in New Jersey, 28 September, 1778.

BALDWIN DADE, volunteer in Baylor's Dragoons. Taken in New Jersey, 28 September, 1778.

JOHN KELTEY, volunteer in Baylor's Dragoons. Taken in New Jersey, 28 September, 1778. (In the provost guard.)

ALEXANDER McCASKEY, D.C.G. of forage. Taken at Maroneck, 8 September, 1778.

MARK GARRETT, Com^d of forage. Taken at Maroneck, 8 September, 1778.

General Washington to Colonel Samuel B. Webb.

HEAD QUARTERS MIDDLE BROOK
25th Feb^y, 1779.

DEAR SIR:

Agreeable to my promise, when you were at Head Quarters, I have had a calculation made from the last returns of the Commissary of Prisoners, of the number of privates which upon the several propositions that have been made by the enemy, we should have to give them in a general exchange of our officers for officers and privates of the Convention Troops—By submitting this to Congress, if necessary, they will be the better able to decide on the propriety of adopting the measure solicited in the memorial which you have been appointed to present.

I am with great regard

Dear Sir

Your most obed Ser^t.

COLONEL WEBB.

G^o WASHINGTON.

[See table on page 22.]

A LIST OF OFFICERS, PRISONERS TO THE BRITISH, NOT EXCHANGEABLE BY THE RULES AND ARTICLES OF WAR, TAKEN FROM THEIR DIFFERENT RETURNS.

Rank.	Names.	Remarks.
L ^t Colonel	John Smock	Taken from the return of these on Parole, Long Island.
Major	George Wright	
	Robert Hodson	
Captain	Edward Hertan	
	Jacob Covenhoven	
Lieut ^s	Francis Grier	
	Benjamin Walton	
	John Blake	
	John Ofburn	
	Henry Murfits	
	Silas Snow	
	Theophilus Little	
	Cornelius Van Tafsel	
	Thomas Millard	
	James James	Taken from the return of these at home on Parole.
	Aron Chew	
Ensign	Jacob Summers	
Colonel	William Coates	
L ^t Colonel	Thomas Reynolds	
Major	Enoch Edwards	
Brg-Maj ^r	Dan ^l Hammel	
Lieu ^t	Jacob Bright	
Ensign	Andrew McMinn	
Comfs ^y Gen ^l Musters	Gunning Bedford	

STATE OF THE AMERICAN OFFICERS WHO ARE PRISONERS TO THE BRITISH ARMY, 24TH NOVEM^R, 1778.

	COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.										STAFF.								NAVY.					Total.		
	Brig. Generals.	Colonels.	Lieut Colonels.	Majors.	Majors Brigade.	Captains.	Capt Lieutenants.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Cornets.	Dep. Adj Genl.	Dep. Com. Gen. Forage.	A. D. Q. M. General.	A. D. C. Genl Forage.	Commissary.	Forage Master.	Adjutants.	Quarter Masters.	Surgeons.	Chaplains.	Sub : Lieut ^s County.	Command. State Fleet.	Captains.		Mates Armed Vessels.	Cadets.
On parole L. Island.....	1	4	6	9	9	1	18	4	115	21	1	2	1	1	...	1	5	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	193
At home on parole	2	8	7	6	2	7	...	11	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	54
Broke parole .....	...	1	1	2	...	17	1	43	7	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	3	2	...	80
Confined in provost .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
	3	13	14	14	3	42	5	171	34	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	6	4	3	1	1	1	4	2	1	331

Rank.	Names.	Remarks.
Colonel	John Hannum	Taken from the return of these who deserted their Parole.
L ^t Col ^l	Persifer Frazier	
Major	William Williams	
	Benj ^a Bowne	
Captain	Samuel Swift	
Lien ^t	Andrew Forrest	
	Daniel Cressop	In Provost.
	Joseph Blake	
Ensign	William Marrener	
Lien	Joel Westcot	
Comit	Thomas Kilty	

	Colonels.	L ^t Colonels.	Majors.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Cornets.	Brig ^d Major.	Comm ^d Gen ^l Musters.	Total.
On Parole Long Island .....	...	1	2	2	11	1	...	...	...	17
On Parole at home	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	1	7
Deserted Parole.....	1	1	2	1	3	1	...	...	...	9
In Provost.....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2
Total not Exchangeable	2	3	5	3	16	3	1	1	1	35

N.B.—Besides the above there are twenty Prisoners of different Ranks to be deducted from the Enemy's General return who have been either since exchanged, Came under the Navy Department or are Citizens. Those whose names are specified in this List, ought not to be accounted for, according to the Custom of War, as I am well acquainted with the Circumstances of their Capture & the manner in which they made their escape.

A LIST OF OFFICERS DUE FROM THE ENEMY THE 8 DAY OF
DECEMBER ANNO 1778.

Rank.	Names.	Corps.	Remarks.
Major	Frederick Hundran	Long Isd Milit ^a	
	— D'Marbaum	Dragoons	
Captain	R. Dawes —	53 ^d Regiment	
	Simon Lord —	do do	
	John Beard	do do	

Rank.	Names.	Corps.	Remarks.
Captain	D. Guyun	L ^t Infantry	
	Dammies —	ditto	
	Slagentuffe	Dragoons	
	John Barbarie	1 st Jersey Volunt ^r	
Lieu ^t	Thomas Hughs	53 ^d Regim ^t	
	Archib ^d Gordon	do do	
	John M. Brown	do do	
	Alex ^r Frazer	71 st Regim ^t	
	— Meyer	Grenadiers	
	— Beryhoff	ditto	
	— Brevia	Dragoons	
	— Roachrodt	do	
	— Roch	do	
	— Nesbit	do	
Ensign	Chevalier Dentreffe	62 ^d Regm ^t	
	Thomas Mann	Kings Loy ^l Am ^r	
	Jemeriah Pemberton	ditto	
	— Audra	Infantry	
	— D Nacke	do	
	— D. Ranzan	do	
Comit	— Strutza	Dragoons	
Chaplain	— Melikimer	ditto	
Judge Advo ^e	— Thomas	} Dragoons	
Surgeon	Verbroof		
Barrack	} Ifaac Bonnell		
Master			
Comfs ^r	— Fromaute		
Surgeon	— Menza	} Hospitals	
Mate	— Chew		
Surgeon	— Seely		

	Majors.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Comits.	Commisfaries.	Quar Masters.	Surgeons.	Mates.	Chaplains.	Cadets.	Barr ^k Masters.	Judge Advo ^e .	Rank Unknown.	Privates due us Pr Settle ^d Nov ^r 23 ^d 78.	Serv ^{ts} of British & German Officers.	Total.
With the Enemy.....	2	7	11	6	1	1	...	2	2	1	...	1	1	...	80	23	138
With us.....	...	6	9	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	6	800	...	829
Total.....	2	13	20	9	1	2	1	2	2	1	3	1	1	6	880	23	967

N.B.—There may probably be more Officers and Privates prisoners with us than are included in the above return, but having no regular reports from my Deputy's, I cannot exactly ascertain the number.

STATE OF OFFICERS IN CAPTIVITY, EXCLUSIVE OF THOSE OF
THE CONVENTION TROOPS.¹

	Brigadiers.	Colonels.	L. Colonels.	Majors.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.
American officers in Captivity per return N° 1.....	3	13	14	14	42	176	36
Officers included in the above whom we refuse to exchange as p lift N° 2.....	...	2	3	5	3	16	4
By the fame lift there appears to be 20 others not enumerated, who are not properly exchangeable, which may be proportioned thus.....	...	...	...	1	5	10	4
Officers, prisoners with us, who have been sent into the enemy for whom they have not returned others—and those still in our hands, exclusive of the Convention troops—as p Return—N° 3.....	...	...	...	2	13	20	10
Total to be deducted from the above.....	...	2	3	8	21	46	18
Ballance in favour of the enemy.....	3	11	11	6	21	130	18

From the above estimate, it appears, that the ballance of Prisoners, in officers, in favour of the enemy exclusive of the troops of the Convention, and inferior staff officers who are omitted as they do not materially affect the calculation—is

3 Brigadiers	21 Captains
11 Colonels	130 Lieutenants
11 L Colonels	18 Ensigns
6 Majors	

The ultimatum of the enemy's propositions as mentioned in private conversation was to exchange one half of our officers for as many of theirs of the Convention troops and the remainder in private men on this plan.

The number to be exchanged for privates will be

1 Brigadier	10 Captains
6 Colonels	65 Lieutenants
6 Lieutenant Colonels	9 Ensigns
3 Majors	

¹ This table is in the MS. of Alexander Hamilton.

The lowest ratio that can be thought of between officers which is founded upon the number of grades in each commission is—

a Colonel	as	6	Captain	as	3
Lieut. Colonel	as	5	Lieutenant	as	2
Major	as	4	Ensign	as	1

This was proposed by the American commissioners at German town; but not acceded to—The lowest ratio to which the British Commissioners would consent, was the following—

a Colonel	as	13	Capt	as	3
L Colonel	as	8	Lien	as	2
Major	as	5	Enf	as	1

The ratio settled in the cartel between the French and English in 59 was, in the infantry

		German florins.
a Colonel	as.....	600
Lieut Colonel	as.....	300
Major	as.....	120
Captain	as.....	70
Lieutenant	as.....	24
Ensign	as.....	20
Private	as.....	4

Reduced to numbers upon the principle of the two foregoing it would stand thus—

a Colonel	as.....	30
L Colonel	as.....	15
Major	as.....	6
Capt	as.....	3½
Lt	as.....	1½
Ensign	as.....	1

The calculation on the first ratio will stand thus—

1 Brigadier say equal to	2 Colonels	@ 6.....	12
	6 Colonels	@ 6.....	36
	6 L Col ^s	5.....	30
	3 Majors	4.....	12
	10 Captains	3.....	30
	65 Lieutenants	2.....	130
	9 Ensigns	at.....	9
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Five privates for an Ensign is as low an estimate as can well be made. It is agreeable to the precedent of 59 before mentioned and would be insisted on, upon the credit of that precedent; not to say, that to uphold the importance of a commission it cannot decently be valued lower.

	Privates.
259 @ 5 will amount to	1295
Calculating on the second ratio by the same process the amount	
will be.....	1680
On the third ratio it will be.....	2350

N.B.—In the proposition lately made by the British Adjutant General through Mr. Loring to Mr Beatty, it was proposed to settle the equivalent of privates for officers, agreeable to the third plan.

The plan most commonly held out by the enemy for the exchange of the Convention troops is to do it by whole corps. On this plan as those troops particularly the German are very thinly officered they would receive a much larger number of privates, than on the calculation here made for exchanging one half our officers for private men.

These calculations could not be entirely accurate; but they are nearly so; and will serve to form a judgment upon. They if anything rather fall short of than exceed the truth.

PRISONERS OF WAR

(BRITISH AND AMERICAN),

1778.

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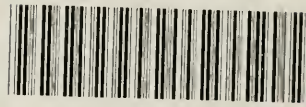
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